UCSD Medical Center Programs Rank Among The Nation's Best

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The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Medical Center is the only San Diego hospital that ranks among the best in the nation in six specialty areas in the 2007 *U.S. News and World Report* annual "Best Hospitals" issue. The magazine, which ranks the top 50 hospitals in several different specialties, will be on the newsstands Monday, July 16.

In the 2007 report, UCSD Medical Center is ranked:

8 th in Respiratory Diseases
18 th in Rheumatology
30 th in Kidney Disease
30 th in Gynecology
39 th in Cancer
50 th in Ear, Nose and Throat

"As the region's only university-based medical center, we are proud of the advanced care backed up by leading edge research that UCSD Medical Center provides patients. These rankings are a reflection of the high caliber of our physicians, staff and programs, and of our commitment to providing the best care available," said UCSD Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences David Brenner.

"UCSD Medical Center serves the community with excellent care, leading edge research and education," said Richard Liekweg, Chief Executive Officer UCSD Medical Center-Hillcrest and the UCSD Thornton Hospital. "This national recognition of our specialty services demonstrates the importance of 'academic medicine' in developing and delivering state-of-the-art health care."

Only 176 hospitals nationally are listed in this year's issue, which rates hospitals in 16 different specialties.

In this year's "Best Graduate Schools" edition (released March 31), *U.S. News* ranked the UCSD School of Medicine 5th in the nation among public medical schools (14th among all U.S. medical schools), with its AIDS program ranked 6th, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse ranked 10th.

In addition to its two hospitals, UCSD provides primary and specialty ambulatory care at outpatient centers in Hillcrest, La Jolla, and Scripps Ranch, and ophthalmology services at the Shiley Eye Center in La Jolla.

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